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FOIA Case: 74317
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ATTN: Mr. Griffin Boyce
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Dear Mr. Boyce:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted via the Internet on 17 August 2013, which was received by this office on 19 August 2013, for "A copy of all documents referencing or pertaining to "VIGILANT FALCON."" Your request has been assigned Case Number 74317. For the purposes of this request and based on the information you provided in your letter, you are considered an "all other" requester. There are no assessable fees for this request; therefore your request for a fee waiver was not addressed.

Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA. Responsive records, should they exist, would be contained in operational files. Please note that 50 U.S.C. Subsection 432b exempts operational files of the NSA from the publication, disclosure, search, and review provisions of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. As such, the only files that would contain responsive records, should any exist, are not subject to search in response to your request. Therefore, your request is denied.

The Initial Denial Authority for NSA information is the Associate Director for Policy and Records, David J. Sherman. Since your request has been denied, you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures. Any person notified of an adverse determination may file an appeal to the NSA/CSS Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority. The appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days after the date of the initial denial. The appeal shall be in writing addressed to the NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority (DJ4), National Security Agency, 9800 Savage Road STE 6248, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248. The appeal shall reference the initial denial of access and shall contain, in sufficient detail and particularity, the grounds upon which the requester believes release of the information is required. The NSA/CSS FOIA

Appeal Authority will endeavor to respond to the appeal within 20 working days after receipt, absent any unusual circumstances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pamela N. Phillips".

PAMELA N. PHILLIPS

Chief

FOIA/PA Office